GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:305
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2016
Import of Tobacco Products
Goud Dr. Boora Narsaiah

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tobacco products including cigarettes imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, product-wise;

(b) whether the cigarette imports in the country have increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any case of illegal imports of cigarettes in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating its impact on the sale of domestic cigarettes along with the action taken by the Government in each case; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 FOR ANSWER ON 08TH AUGUST, 2016 REGARDING "IMPORT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS"

(a) and (b): The details of tobacco products, including cigarettes, imported in the country during the last three years and the current year, product-wise are annexed. The value of total import of tobacco products for the said period is as per the table below.

Year Value (US$ Millions)
2013-14 40.94
2014-15 48.66
2015-16 50.28
2016-17
(April'16-May'16) 5.25
Source: DGCIS
Note: Figures for 2015-16 and April''16 to May''16 are provisional
(c) : The details of seizures of cigarettes made by the Customs field formations in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telengana during the year 2015-16 and the current year 2016-17 (upto June, 2016) are as under:
State Year Quantity of illegal cigarettes seized (in million sticks) Value
(in Rs. Lakh)
Andhra Pradesh and
Telengana 2015-16 3.15 208.419
2016 − 17
(upto June, 2016) .31 15.194
Total 3.46
223.613

Source: Department of Revenue
The total number cases of smuggling of cigarette detected by field formations of the Customs across the country during 2014-15 was 1312 with a value of Rs.9246 lakhs and during 2015-16 the number of cases was 2731 with a value of Rs.16162 lakhs.

(d): The details of Cigarette production, sales, exports and domestic sales/consumption for the last 3 years and current year are as under:
Figures: In million Sticks
Year Production
Sales by domestic producers
(A) Exports

(B) Domestic Sales(A)-(B)
2013-14 110101 111796 10011 101785
2014-15 105269 105306 12078 93229
2015-16 96517 95380 11886 83494
2016-17* 12886 16028 1875 14152
Source: Tobacco Board
Note: (*) Figures for April"16 to May"16 are provisional

(e): All the Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have been alerted and sensitized to remain vigilant to prevent smuggling of goods including cigarettes. Alerts and modus operandi circulars are issued by DRI to its field formations. Moreover, surveillance is maintained at sensitive places. Inter−agency coordination is active for greater exchange of intelligence inputs to keep a check on smuggling activities.
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Annexure

Details of Tobacco products imported during last three years and the current year (April to May)

ITCHS ITEM DESCRIPTION UNIT 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 APR"16 TO MAY"16
QTY VAL(US $) QTY VAL(US $) QTY VAL(US $) QTY VAL(US $)
24011010 Flue cured Virginia tobacco, not stemmed/ stripped KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 29099 22944 NIL NIL
24011040 Burley tobacco, not stemmed/stripped KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 11 90 NIL NIL
24011070 Tobacco for manufacture of cigar and cheroots no stemmed/stripped KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 579 7355 NIL NIL
24011080 Tobacco for manufacture of hookah tobacco no stemmed /stripped KGS NIL NIL NIL NIL 504 4309 NIL NIL
24011090 Other tobacco no stemmed /stripped KGS 19200 6993 6435 69499 5445 40958 NIL NIL
24012010 Flue cured Virginia tobacco partly / whollystemmed /stripped KGS 58043 368664 58666 484996 101400 783103 39600 276519
24012040 Burley tobacco, partly/wholly stemmed /stripped KGS NIL NIL 11600 82815 NIL NIL 9600 98582
24012080 Tobacco for manufacture of hookah tobacco , partly /wholly stemmed /stripped KGS NIL NIL 8500 38039 14650 68747 8640 55930
24012090 Other tobacco partly or wholly stemmed /stripped KGS 1393527 12710418 1748717 15223800 2723639 19613138 24 1016
24013000 Tobacco refuse KGS 78580 2743 96500 3834 7920 401 NIL NIL
24021010 Cigar and cheroots THN* 2281 883932 3565 1273174 871 443285 96 88553
24021020 Cigarillos THN* 46 7948 32 6226 NIL NIL NIL NIL
24022010 Cigarettes other than filter, length <60mm THN* 370 5581 NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
24022040 Filter (length 11mm or actual) cigarettes> 60mmbut<70mm THN* 2 279 NIL NIL 20 378 NIL NIL
24022050 Filter(length 11mm or actual) cigarettes > 70mmbut <75mm THN* 120231 5175214 530 24969 NIL NIL NIL NIL
24022060 Filter cigarettes of length (the length of filter being 11 mm) > 75 millimeters but < 85 mm THN* 405687 9745629 127331 5022712 NIL NIL NIL NIL
24022090 Other cigarettes containing tobacco THN* 66285 2639361 451033 17222933 434601 18473502 90686 3418327
24029010 Cigarettes of tobacco substitutes THN* NIL NIL NIL NIL 1 892 NIL NIL
24029090 Other cigarettes, cigarillos of tobacco substitutes THN* 3596 209733 1826 58716 52660 1241863 19000 141137
24031110 Hookah or gudaku tobacco THN* 135265 281463 197288 298707 398161 609692 84000 128053
24031190 Other water pipe tobacco KGS 10975 151765 NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
24031910 Smoking mixtures for pipes and cigarettes KGS 2660 39408 360 4816 NIL NIL NIL NIL
24031990 Others of heading. 240319 KGS 10250 213003 51230 519803 47842 343949 7972 74946
24039100 Homogenized" or "reconstituted" tobacco KGS 398751 1706942 273387 1034364 556055 1891543 1458 30379
24039910 Chewing tobacco KGS 13306 22732 19641 44903 19484 113303 NIL NIL
24039930 Jarda scented tobacco KGS 500 4173 NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
24039950 Preparations containing snuff KGS 8025 25921 NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
24039960 Tobacco extract and essence KGS NIL NIL 6 777 NIL NIL NIL NIL
24039970 Cut tobacco KGS 735731 6640653 810830 7004920 823770 6580068 124650 933435
24039990 Other manufactured tobacco extracts and essences KGS 10674 96137 20372 240487 6624 39813 180 7768
Grand Total (in US$ Millions)
40.94 48.66 50.28 5.25
*THN: THOUSAND NUMBERS

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